



# MONTANA COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

## Facts about cancer

- Cancer causes almost 1 in 4 deaths in Montana every year.
- The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 60 percent of all cancer deaths nationally could be prevented.
- Starting 2008, insurance plans in Montana must explicitly disclose cancer screening coverage to prospective customers

## Comprehensive Cancer Control...

"An integrated and coordinated approach to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation."

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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## FACT SHEET

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services **Comprehensive Cancer Control Program** coordinates a statewide collaborative effort to implement the Montana Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The mission of the Program is to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality, and cancer related health disparities in Montana.

The mission is achieved by:

- **Bringing many partners together** including public and private stakeholders to implement a planned approach for solving cancer problems
- **Using data and research results** to identify priorities among the wide range of cancer issues from prevention through survivorship and end-of-life
- **Implementing evidence-based solutions** to ensure that current knowledge is applied in a cost-effective manner to achieve the best possible outcomes
- **Using limited resources more efficiently** by integrating and coordinating efforts to reduce duplication and improve overall capacity.

## Montana Cancer Control Coalition

The Montana Cancer Control Coalition is a statewide coalition of health advocates with the common mission to reduce the overall burden of cancer for Montanans. Working together, the Coalition developed the *Montana Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan* as a guide for preventing and controlling cancer in Montana. Over 150 members and 100 organizations participated.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is a supporting partner to the Coalition and provides fiscal, operational, and technical support through the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The Coalition sets priorities from the plan and coordinates efforts to generate the resources necessary to implement plan objectives.

## Funding

The Comprehensive Cancer Control Program is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For the first time, in 2007, the Montana Legislature allocated special revenue funds of \$2.2 million per biennium for cancer control. Current priorities include funding community efforts to increase colorectal cancer screening.